



**I. Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Program API Applied:**

- **M/WBE Subcontracting Program - 18%** must be subcontracted to certified M/WBE(s) designated within the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA)
  - ◆ All M/WBE's must also be certified as SBE's
- Respondents must demonstrate their commitment to meeting the subcontracting goals by submitting a signed **Subcontractor/Supplier Commitment Form** with their response
  - ◆ Failure of a respondent to submit the **Subcontractor/Supplier Commitment** form or meet the subcontracting goal will deem its response NON-RESPONSIVE
- Only first tier certified M/WBE(s) will count toward the subcontracting goal
- **M/WBE Prime participation does NOT count toward the Subcontracting goal**

**II. Eligibility Criteria**

- Certification:
  - ◆ Certified through the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (SCTRCA) as: SBE and MBE/WBE (AABE/ABE/HABE/NABE/WBE)
- Headquartered in the SAMSA or demonstrate "significant business presence" in the SAMSA (20% of total company employees regularly based in the SAMSA for at least one year) (SAMSA counties are: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina, or Wilson)
- SBEDA staff can assist with priority certification while solicitation is open

**III. Waivers & Exceptions**

- A full or partial waiver of a specified subcontracting goal may be requested, for good cause, by submitting the *Respondent Subcontracting Waiver Request* form with the solicitation response
  - ◆ Form is available at: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Forms.aspx>
  - ◆ Waiver request must fully document subcontractor unavailability despite good faith efforts to comply with the goal
  - ◆ Please refer to the Good Faith Effort Tips Sheet for SBEDA waiver for additional information on how to complete a *Respondent/Vendor Subcontracting Waiver*:  
<http://www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/SBO/Forms/GFETips07232013FinalVersion.pdf>
- Respondent may request, for good cause, an Exception to the application of the SBEDA Program by submitting the *Exception to SBEDA Program Requirements Request* form with the solicitation response
  - ◆ Form is available at: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SBO/Forms.aspx>
  - ◆ Exception request must fully document why:
    - Value of contract is below \$50,000;
    - No commercially-useful subcontracting opportunities exist; or
    - Type of contract is outside scope of the SBEDA Ordinance

**IV. Central Vendor Registry (CVR) / San Antonio eProcurement System (SAePS)**

- All contractors/consultants (Prime or Sub) wishing to do business with the City must first register in the CVR / SAePS
- To begin the registration process, please go to: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/purchasing/SAePS.aspx>
- For technical assistance please call (210) 207-0118

**V. COSA Vendor Listing**

- The City of San Antonio has a new and improved vendor search function. Please visit the COSA Vendor Listing at <http://sanantonio.gov/purchasing/vendorlisting.aspx> to view or to download a listing of certified and non-certified vendors registered with the City.